Sunnyslope County Water District

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February 6, 2009

Attn: Dave Todd, Supervising Land and Water Use Analyst Office of Water Use Efficiency Post Office Box 942836 Sacramento, CA 94236-0001

Dear Mr. Todd:

Please find attached, a copy of the signed resolution from the San Benito County Water District adopting the Hollister Area 2008 Urban Water Management Plan (the Plan) on January 28, 2009. This attachment is an amendment to the Plan, which was mailed to you in a separate package on January 13, 2009. The Plan was prepared as a cooperative effort by the Sunnyslope County Water District, the City of Hollister, and San Benito County Water District.

Sunnyslope County Water District submitted its copy of the Plan in January 2009 within 30 days of adopting the Plan. This resolution is submitted to Department of Water Resources as an amendment to the Plan. With this resolution from the San Benito County Water District, the Plan has been adopted by each of the three agencies who prepared the Plan.

We look forward to your comments and/or questions. As I mentioned before, our General Manager, Bryan Yamaoka, is currently out on medical leave and will not be back for another month or so. In Bryan's absence, the people to contact regarding the Plan would be either me or Ken Girouard our District Engineer.

Yours truly,

Cathy L. Buck

Market & Buck

Finance and Human Resource Manager

Enclosure

RESOLUTION 2009-02

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SAN BENITO COUNTY WATER DISTRICT APPROVING, WITH QUALIFICATIONS, THE HOLLISTER AREA URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN 2008

WHEREAS, the San Benito County Water District (District) has joined in a cooperative effort with the Sunnyslope County Water District and the City of Hollister in the preparation of an Urban Water Management Plan ("the Plan") pursuant to Water Code Section 10620 et. seq., known as the Urban Water Management Planning Act; and,

WHEREAS, the study area for the Plan is the "Hollister Area" comprised of the Hollister East, Hollister West and Tres Pinos groundwater sub-basins; and,

WHEREAS, one of the purposes of the Plan is to identify and quantify existing and planned sources of available water and the reliability of the water supplies without creating any rights or entitlement to water service or a specific level of water service; and,

WHEREAS, neither the Plan nor the statute mandating the adoption of the Plan encourages exclusive use of the Plan by land use entitlement agencies in making water-related land use decisions; and,

whereas, because water is a changing resource, the Plan must be viewed as a snapshot of water availability and reliability based upon facts available at the time of creating the Plan; that water dynamics change because of forces of nature or human conduct and that, for the above reasons, the exclusive use of the Plan as a resource tool for making land use decisions is discouraged; that land use entitlement requests must be reviewed on a project by project basis for the purpose of analyzing the availability and reliability of water resources for the project; and,

WHEREAS, the District acknowledges its responsibility to take all necessary steps to address water supply emergency issues; and,

WHEREAS, the District is committed to water conservation and obligated to specific water conservation measures by virtue of the District water supply contract with United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Directors of the San Benito County Water District hereby resolves as follows:

- The Hollister Area Urban Water Management Plan 2008 ("the Plan") dated September, 2008, is hereby adopted by the Board of Directors of the San Benito County Water District (District) and incorporated into this resolution by reference. A copy of the Plan is available for public review during normal business hours at the District Office located at 30 Mansfield Road, Hollister, California;
- 2. No later than sixty (60) days from December 17, 2008, the District shall deliver the Plan together with this resolution to the City of Hollister, San Juan Bautista, and the County of San Benito;
- 3. The District Manager is directed to file the Plan with the California Department of Water Resources within 30 days of adoption;
- 4. The Plan, as adopted by the District, is not intended as a tool to be used exclusively by land use planning agencies as a substitute for a comprehensive study and investigation of water availability, reliability, and quality for development projects and land use changes proposed in San Benito County or the City of Hollister and San Juan Bautista, for the reasons stated in the recitals to this resolution:
- 5. The District Manager is hereby directed to implement the Water Conservation programs as funded through the District's Annual Budgets including water shortage contingency analysis and recommendations to the District Board regarding procedures to carry out effective water conservation and recycling programs in order to meet statutory and contractual obligations.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION was adopted at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the San Benito County Water District held on January 28, 2009, by the following vote:

AYES:

DIRECTORS: Bettencourt, Flores, Swanson, Tobias and Tonascia

NOES:

DIRECTORS: None

DIRECTORS: None ABSENT:

President

Sara C. Singleton District Secretary

Fakunding, Chriss

From:

Fakunding, Chriss

Sent:

Tuesday, February 17, 2009 9:02 AM

To:

'bryan@sscwd.org'

Cc:

Avila, Luis; McCurry, Guyla; Todd, David D.

Subject:

RE: Hollister Area's 2005 Urban Water Management Plan

To All.

We have received the San Benito County Water District's Adoption Resolution, dated 28th January 2009. Mr. Avila will be in contact with further details of the Review Process.

Thanks,

Chriss M. Fakunding Research Analyst Office of Water Use Efficiency (916) 651-9673 cfakund@water.ca.gov

----Original Message-----From: Fakunding, Chriss

Sent: Tuesday, January 20, 2009 10:14 AM

To: 'bryan@sscwd.org'

Cc: Avila, Luis; McCurry, Guyla; Todd, David D.

Subject: Hollister Area's 2005 Urban Water Management Plan

Mr. Yamaoka,

This is to confirm receipt of two hard copies and one electronic of the Hollister Area's 2005 Urban Water Management Plan by the Office of Water Use Efficiency of the Department of Water Resources on the 14th January 2009 and a copy of the plan has been forwarded to Luis Avila of the San Joaquin District Office to schedule the review process. However at this time, since the plan is a 'regional' effort, it will not be reviewed until the San Benito County Water District submits a signed copy of the adoption resolution.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Avila at (559) 230-3364 or by e-mail at: Igavila@water.ca.gov.

Thank you for your assistance, it is appreciated.

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